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SNF wins Governor's International Award

LIBERTY COUNTY, GA - SNF, the largest industrial employer in Liberty County, was recently named the winner of the 2009 Governor's International Award in the International Trade, Small/Medium Business category at an event in Atlanta presented by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, Metro Atlanta Chamber, and World Trade Center Atlanta.

Awards were given in the categories of International Deal of the Year, International Trade in the Large Business and Small/Medium Business categories, International Investment, International Education Program, Individual of the Year, and International Lifetime Achievement.

Julie Bryant Fisher, managing editor of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, elaborated on the selection process by stating, "For each category, we worked to find companies and individuals that not only stood out in their fields, but also made unique approaches to doing international business."

The Liberty County Development Authority (LCDA) nominated SNF, a global leader in the manufacture of chemical products, which has operations in Riceboro and is headquartered in France. The LCDA noted that SNF exports to more than 60 countries around the world, and from January 2008 to the present, the company has exported 300 million pounds of product from the Liberty County facility.

SNF has made continued capital investment at the Riceboro facility that has allowed for rapid growth in export sales. The company opened in Liberty County in 1986 with 15 employees, and today the total employment on the site, including contractors, is approximately 1,000 people.

David Kaye, vice president of manufacturing for SNF Chemtall, accepted the award, which was a proclamation signed by Governor Sonny Perdue. He stated, "SNF is honored to win the Governor's International Award. We have found Liberty County to offer the assets we need to be competitive in a global economy."

In addition to SNF, Kia Motors, UPS, Mercedes-Benz USA, Georgia Tech's Center for International Business Education and Research, Jorge Fernandez of the Metro Atlanta Chamber, and John Portman of John Portman & Associates Inc. were named winners in the awards competition.

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